

San Juan River Reserved Campsite Requests

Who: Campsite requests must be submitted to the BLM Monticello Field Office by boaters who have a paid San Juan River permit reservation on Recreation.gov for a trip taking-out at Clay Hills. You must have a paid permit reservation prior to submitting your reserved campsite requests. Your Recreation.gov permit number is required.

Where: The reserved camping section begins downstream of the Government Rapid campsite (~river mile 64) and ends at the Clay Hills take-out. It is approximately 18 river miles. Trips taking out at Mexican Hat do not need to reserve campsites.

When: Campsites must be reserved for trips launching March 1st through October 31st. Reservation requests should be submitted immediately after paying for a permit reservation on Recreation.gov. The BLM Monticello Field Office will automatically assign your campsites if your request form is not received within five days of paying for your permit.

Rules and Regulations:

- Camping below Government Rapid camp (~river mile 64) to the Clay Hills take-out is allowed at nine designated sites only.
- All river permit holders taking-out at Clay Hills must reserve at least one of the nine designated campsites in this area. Permits are invalid without a reserved campsite.
- Permit reservations will be voided by the BLM Monticello Field Office if no reserved campsites are available for the trip.
- Camping at any of these sites without a reservation is a violation of permit stipulations and may result in a citation.
- You may schedule up to two nights in this section of the river, if two are available. You may not camp at the same reserved campsite for more than one night. If you are spending two nights in the reserved section, your first night must be in one of the Slickhorn sites (A - E), and your second night must be in one of the sites downstream from Slickhorn.
- Reserved campsites may not be shared by more than one party without advance written approval from the BLM Monticello Field Office.
- The left bank of the river from Montezuma Creek to Trimble Camp is on the Navajo Indian Reservation. The Navajo Nation requires additional permits to camp, hike or visit archaeological sites on river left. In addition to a BLM reservation, a Navajo Nation permit is required to camp at Slickhorn E or hike up Oljeto Wash.

Safety: Campsites at Grand Gulch, Trimble Camp, Oljeto Wash, and Steer Gulch are located at the mouths of drainages and can experience flash floods during rainy weather. During inclement weather, exercise caution. Make sure your campsite has safe areas of higher ground and is out of the path of flash floods. BLM does not recognize the beach area at the mouth of Oljeto Wash as part of the campsite; if you reserve Oljeto Wash, exercise caution if camping in the beach area and/or camping with a larger than recommended group. Your safety is your responsibility. Travel on the San Juan River has inherent risks and river runners assume complete responsibility for their own safety.

Submit My Reserved Campsite Request Form

Step 1 - Research: Links to a campsite map and descriptions are available in the table to the right.

Step 2 - Check Availability: Check the availability of campsites before submitting your request form by viewing the campsite availability schedules in the table to the right. The schedules may not be current. The date they were last updated will appear on the schedules.

Step 3 - Have Reservation Number at Hand: Your paid Recreation.gov permit reservation number will be required in order to submit your reserved campsite requests.

Step 4 - Complete and Submit a San Juan Reserved Campsite Request Form

Step 5 - View Your Assigned Camps: Your campsite requests may not be processed until a maximum of five days after submitting your request form to the BLM. You will receive a confirmation email from the BLM Monticello Field Office with your assigned campsites when they have been processed. Your assigned campsites will appear in the "travel plan" section of your printed Recreation.gov permit. Your permit is not printable until 14 days prior to the launch date. You can also view and confirm your assigned camps by checking the campsite availability schedules in the table to the right. Your Recreation.gov permit reservation number will appear in the column for the campsite(s) you were assigned in the row of your requested camp date(s).

If you have questions regarding reserving campsites or you would like to make changes to your campsite reservations, please call the San Juan River permit office at (435) 587-1544.